

Notes from Home 2022



An International Virtual Conference on the History and Archaeology of the Home

16th – 17th June

What makes a home and how has that idea changed over time? Understood as a space where people live in, the home has had many different meanings and interpretations throughout the past. A living space can have various forms, from temporarily occupied caves through the first permanent buildings to opulent Victorian houses. Each of these 'living spaces' inherits and reflects the diverse and dynamic relationship between humans and their living environment and transports cultural values that allow us to make inferences about broader social-cultural structures in the domestic sphere and beyond. Using a liberal interpretation of what may constitute domestic life, Notes from Home seeks to explore the complex dynamics of 'living spaces' in this year's conference, to be held online on the 16th and 17th of June, 2022.

The conference will follow an 'inverted classroom' model, in which pre-recorded presentations will be uploaded for participants to view ahead of time on a YouTube channel. These recordings should be no more than 15 minutes long, and may be video, narrated slides, or audio only. On the day of the conference, after brief remarks from the author, the virtual sessions will focus on interactive discussions.

Scholars of all levels, from those working on an MA to well-established researchers in the fields of archaeology and history, are invited to submit an abstract of no more than 250 words for a paper that is in some way focussed on the way a living space was created or used in any timeframe from prehistory to the modern period. Topics can include, but are in no way limited to:

- Household archaeology
- Architecture of the home
- Organisation and/or uses of domestic space
- Domestic material culture
- Emotions in the home
- Issues of class and/or identity in the home
- Gender issues in the home
- Methodological approaches to the study of the home

Please submit your abstracts via our online form [here](#) by ~~20th March 2022~~ **3rd April 2022**. Feel free to contact David Johnson (d.johnson8@newcastle.ac.uk) or Mara Schumacher (m.l.schumacher2@newcastle.ac.uk) with any questions.